

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Angel, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Attorney Funkhouser; Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Vicki Cannato; Nancy Burns; Joyce Babillis; Barry Tanner - Moore & Associates, Inc.; Jerome Naas - Martin & Bailey; William McCune; Jim Whetstone; Sheila Stewart; Cecil Waters; Elaine Springer; Bob Weir; Ted Sommers - London Witte Group; Phyllis Ripplemeier; Patricia Davis; Mary Ann Barclay; Sarah Apple; Beth Foster - Mount Vernon Democrat; Jamie Grabert - Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Comm. Gray; Chris Janak - Bose McKinney; and Mary Ann Watson.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and those of the March 28th meeting. She added if there were no additions or corrections, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Angel moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Water Operating & Maintenance \$ 67,275.30

Water Works Revenue 165,198.51

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Comm. Gray arrived at the meeting and as he approached the podium, Mayor Knowles reminded those present that anyone wishing to speak should approach the podium and state their name and business.

Comm. Gray reported this afternoon KROFTA #2 blew a valve, and then the other, as a result, no water was being made. He stated the problem is now fixed and there was no boil order issued as a result, they always had good reserves. He continued by stating last Friday there was a break in the raw water line in the deep well, they were in 25' of water at that point, but that has now also been fixed and there was no loss of pressure. He then stated most of the small leaks around town have been fixed, and they have even fixed the leak at

the end of 3rd Street, finally. He added the department also installed a new line on Mockingbird.

Comm. Gray continued his report by stating the Mulberry Tower should be fully operational within a week, and they have also fixed a leak at the base of the Keck Tower. He also stated the water department has done more and gotten more accomplished in two weeks than had been done in the last two years.

Comm. Gray continued by stating the department literally found a line in the middle of a field that they did not know was even there. He stated it belong to Mr. Barry Cox now, though he was not the one that installed it. He stated he would like permission to have the \$650.00 tap fee waived for Mr. Cox being that he did not know the line existed.

Mayor Knowles stated she agrees and added that when someone buys something like that (the old Weillbrenner Ostrich Farm), they can assume the tap fee has already been paid.

Councilman Cooper agreed and added that would be fine with him to waive the fee. He wondered who made the tap ?

Comm. Gray replied no one is sure, there are no records. He added the line was found totally by accident and Mr. Cox did not know he had it.

Comm. Gray stated he has a request for a water adjustment for Mary Ann Barclay. He stated that she had had a leak, it is now fixed, and she has presented the receipts for the repairs.

Ms. Barclay stated the address is 428 W. 4th Street and the house has been empty for several years, the water just ran into the ground.

Chris Janak arrived at the meeting.

Councilwoman Askren asked about the status of the Human Society, do they have water out at their new location on Leonard Road yet ?

Comm. Gray replied no, he has not worked on that yet.

Councilwoman Askren replied that right now, everything is important.

Councilman Cooper stated he had a call from a constituent about a leak, and the gentleman had called the office and could not get in touch with anyone. He added he thought the lines were set up to transfer to the pump station after hours, but maybe that isn't working and they need to look into doing something different.

Comm. Gray replied they could possibly get another phone line.

Councilman Cooper replied the call came on Sunday, it was about a possible leak around the Mulberry Tower.

Comm. Gray stated if they installed a second line that might help and keep the personal

business calls down to keep the lines opened.

Mayor Knowles stated if it is 2:00 a.m. and someone is on the phone working, who would know ?

Councilman Cooper stated he believes the issue is mainly on weekends and evenings.

Mayor Knowles stated it might possibly be cheaper to get a pager, publish that number in the phone book, as none of the municipal numbers are in there currently, and see if that helps the situation.

Councilman cooper stated they can look into some options.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Board approve the adjustment of Ms. Barclay, that they had been discussing earlier. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if Chairman Cooper had a report.

Water Chairman Cooper stated he would like to let Comm. Gray know that he really appreciates the job he is doing at the water works, and just having the Arby's leak fixed is a major accomplishment. He added he had been on their previous management company for two years about that leak, and it proved to be no big undertaking at all. He stated he thinks Comm. Gray is doing a good job.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Financial Report was available ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legal matters for considerations ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated she had given the Schelhorn Water Agreement to Attorney Funkhouser for signature.

Attorney Funkhouser reminded the Board this request had been approved a few meetings ago for the Schelhorn Custom Cabinet Shop on Leonard Road.

Board then signed the Agreement and Attorney Funkhouser took it with him.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Agenda under Audience, is Jim Whetstone with Huck's for a request for a water tap.

Mr. Whetstone and Mr. Naas approached the podium and stated they would indeed like to request a water tap for the new Huck's, located at 4th and Munchoff.

Councilman Angel asked Comm. Gray if there any problems in that area that would prohibit the tap ?

Comm. Gray replied no problems.

Councilman Rueger moved the tap be approved. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated also listed on the Agenda is discussion of the sprinkler system at the jail.

Attorney Funkhouser stated the County Attorney, Hank Hudson, contacted him on this and it seems there is not enough pressure for the system to operate. He added the county is saying the city is at fault, but when he asked the county attorney if they had done any investigating, he got the email response the Board has before them.

Mayor Knowles stated this debate has been going on for over a year now. She added she had contacted the water office and either Ms. Carlisle or Ms. Morrow told her that one fire plug was paid for by the county, and the other was paid for by the county garage - that being the case, she does not see how they can belong to the city. She added she has talked with a county commissioner as well as the sheriff and suggested to them that they find the original plans for the jail and see if those plugs are not on there somewhere. She added the county has been paying maintenance on those plugs for years now all of a sudden there is a problem, so they belong to the city. She also stated that once the plugs were tested and coded white (dead plug) there has been an issue. She again stated the county should be able to trace the ownership of those plugs back to their origin and possibly also find out who installed them. She then stated that right now, all signs point to the plugs belonging to the county.

Mary Ann Watson arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated she really believes those plans could be located somewhere, City Hall has plans that go back more than 40 years. She then asked Councilman Tucker if he remembers anything conversation about this.

Councilman Tucker stated the jail was built in the mid-1970's, the plans should still be around somewhere.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he feels the Board needs to do something, and if they can find the root of the problem, they can work with the county.

Councilman Cooper stated Attorney Funkhouser needs to ask for the plans.

Attorney Funkhouser replied he did and he has not gotten them yet. He added he feels the county should provide them in order for this to be a joint effort.

Councilman Tucker stated the city is not denying ownership at this time, they just need to

know for sure.

Mayor Knowles stated those two plugs are not included in the \$12,841.50 the city pays the water works every month for plug rental. She stated that many times schools, nursing homes, apartments, etc., include plugs in the original plans and put them in place themselves.

Councilman Tucker asked if the city could start a paper trail and have Attorney Funkhouser send a letter saying the city is willing to work with the county, but to do that, the city and county need to know certain things, etc., in order to work together.

Councilman Cooper stated he was told that when the plugs were first installed, the city wanted the county to tap in a certain place, and the essentially tapped somewhere else.

Councilman Tucker stated Jack Higgins was Mayor back then, he may possibly recall some of this, has anyone called him ?

Mayor Knowles replied no, but she can call him and added this could actually be a combination of problems on both the city and the county end.

Councilman Cooper stated he wants to work with the county on this but they need to supply the plans or something.

Mayor Knowles stated she will call former Mayor Higgins and Attorney Funkhouser can get in touch with Hank Hudson - they will table until the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Cooper stated MAI is present.

Barry Tanner stated the amended PER has been approved for the filters that will replace the current KROFTA units, and they would like approval to commence with the engineering to complete the project. He added the cost of that should be around \$4,000-5,000.00. He then stated it will still be six months to completion once approved and they get started.

Councilman Cooper moved approval be given for MAI to commence with the engineering on the filters to replace the KROFTA units. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Tucker stated he has talked with Councilman Cooper and they would like to hold an Executive Session to discuss hiring a full time water superintendent and start the advertising process.

Councilman Cooper agreed and added he had talked with Attorney Funkhouser about this and it can get done in Executive Session. He then moved Board approve an Executive Session to be held for discussion on hiring a new water superintendent. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Funkhouser stated in the matter of department heads, at least for the water utility, the Mayor appoints them and the Board approves the appointment. He added they also need to have an Executive Session of the Council concerning some threatened litigation.

Mayor Knowles suggested they hold both an hour before the next regular Utility Board meeting, on the 25th.

Councilman Cooper agreed that would be fine.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer